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Department of Home

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Office of the District Magistrate, North Goa District

Order

No. 49/1/09/L&O

Whereas, it is essential to conduct the ensuing General Election for Lok Sabha on 23-4-2009 within the North Goa District in a free and fair manner thereby maintaining public peace, law and order and tranquility as per the provisions of law and the Model Code of Conduct which is applicable w.e.f. 2-3-2009.

And whereas, there is likelihood of law and order problems and violence during last 48 hours of the poll due to—

- a) Increased political competition and tensions.
- b) Massive processions and rallies conducted by Candidates under the garb of house to house visits or corner meetings in all constituencies and thus creating nuisance and law and order problems.
- c) Allegation and counter allegations about distribution of money or gifts or liquor by supporters/workers moving in groups or in vehicles, thus creating nuisance and law and order problems.

And whereas, there is possibility of political disputes, confrontation and violence on the day of poll mostly due to misuse of hotels, restaurants, tea shops, pan shops and other food shops (dhabas, gaddas), etc. for carrying campaigning or intimidations of voters or

influencing voters and due to gathering of crowd at such places within the vicinity of 200 mts. of polling station and create nuisance and law and order problem.

And whereas, as per the Section 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1851, no candidates should try to influence voters in any way.

Therefore, I, K. S. Singh. IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 do hereby order that:—

- 1) From 17.00 hrs. of 21st April, 2009 to 21.00 hrs. of 23rd April, 2009 in all 23 Assembly Segments in the jurisdiction of North Goa District.
 - a) Any assembly of five or more persons (including contesting candidates & workers) will be deemed as unauthorized assembly u/s 141 of the Indian Penal Code and will be prohibited to avoid any procession or rally under the garb of house to house visits or corner meetings and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems.
 - b) All vehicles permitted to all Contesting Candidates by the Returning Officer shall not ply on roads.
 - c) All vehicles shall be checked in dignified and polite manner to avoid their misuse for distribution of money or gifts or liquor and for causing any nuisance, AND
- 2) On the day of Poll, viz. from 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. of 23rd April, 2009, in all 23 constituencies under the jurisdiction of North Goa District.
 - a) All hotels, restaurants, bars, tea shops, pan shops and other establishment (dhabas, gaddas) shops, etc. within the vicinity of

200 mts. of any polling station will remain closed to avoid their misuse for carrying campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and to prevent any gathering of crowd and any law and order problem.

However, the above Order shall not apply to Officers authorized on Election Duty by the Election Commission or the State Government, including the Polling

Officials/Magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff on election duty.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office, on this 19th day of April, 2009.

K. S. Singh, IAS,
District Magistrate/
/District Election Officer,
North Goa District.